

**OFFICIAL FILE**  
**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

**ORIGINAL**

Illinois Power Company  
d/b/a AmerenIP  
and Ameren Illinois Transmission Company

06-0179

Petition for (i) a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to  
Section 8-406(a) of the Public Utilities Act;  
(ii) a Certificate of Public Convenience and  
Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406 of the  
Public Utilities Act, authorizing construction,  
operation and maintenance of new 345,000  
volt electric lines in Monroe, Randolph,  
St. Clair, and Washington Counties, Illinois;  
(iii) an order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the  
Public Utilities Act approving construction of  
new transmission facilities; (iv) approval of an  
Agreement between affiliated interests; and (v)  
other relief as may be necessary.

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August 15, 2006

Docket Number 06-0179

Petition to Intervene

Thomas and Annette Steibel, owners of Steibel Farms Inc., Landowners and residents of Monroe County. Ask to be granted a Leave to Intervene on behalf of ourselves and impacted by the proposed black line.

We encourage the I.C. C. to stay with the green route. We feel the green route was preferred by Ameren, who we are sure have more qualified engineers to design a power line than those proposing the black line.

The black line has as many if not more problems as the green line. Listed below are just some of the black route's problems.

1. This route will run closer to more residents than stated on the black line proposal with just as many ill effects.
2. This route will destroy some of our virgin timberland and cause erosion of the soil.
3. This route goes through a heavy Karst area.
4. This route will go through land that is in the government forest program.
5. This route will take it near a mining area.
6. This route will take it through a longer distance in the flood plain.
7. This route will cross more wetland areas.
8. This route will ruin the scenic area of the bluffs due to clear cutting of timber.
9. This route will effect some of the native bluff grasses and plants that the conservation department is trying to protect.
10. This route will in some places make it hard for Ameren to maintain their line.
11. This route will effect farmers on this line with pivot irrigation systems to be useless with poles in their fields.

So in closing I hope the I.C.C. stays with the green route, With whatever modifications needed to help those of concern. But we feel the green line is the best route.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

Thomas A. Steibel, by my signature, swears, deposes and states that the statements set forth in this petition are true in substance and in fact to the best of my knowledge.

Annette R. Steibel, by my signature, swears, deposes and states that the statements set forth in this petition are true in substance and in fact to the best of my knowledge.

<u>Thomas A. Steibel</u>	<u>Annette R. Steibel</u>
Thomas A. Steibel	Annette R. Steibel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2006.

Daniel E. Miller  
Notary Public

